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CHC Applauds Governors for Tackling High School Reform

Closing educational gap for Latinos high priority for Caucus

Washington, DC -- The Congressional Hispanic Caucus applauds governors across the nation for addressing at their National Governors Association's 2005 Education Summit the need to improve high school education and increase graduation rates. In a sign-on letter to the NGA, CHC members outlined specific efforts the Caucus is undertaking to combat education inequality. The CHC is working to close the educational gap that leaves many Latinos unprepared for a highly competitive world and job market.

Last year, the CHC partnered with the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to launch a national public awareness campaign entitled "Graduation for All: A Right and A Responsibility." In February, Congressman Rubén Hinojosa, Chair of the CHC's Education Task Force, reintroduced the *Graduation for All Act* to target federal resources to the schools with the lowest graduation rates. A few days ago, on February 27, Rep. Hinojosa also participated in the Education Summit as a panelist to address federal policy.

"Improving our high school graduation rates needs to be a priority for us all – from the federal level, the state level, and the local level," said Rep. Hinojosa. "I applaud the National Governors Association for their work on tackling this issue head on."

The CHC looks forward to working with the governors to make real reform happen for the Latino community.

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The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is comprised of 21 members of Congress of Hispanic descent. Since 1976 the CHC has been addressing the needs of the Hispanic community in all areas of American life. For more information on the CHC call (202) 225-2410.

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